

## THE NATIONAL GAME.

ENTHUSIASM MARKS THE ADVENT OF THE SEASON.

The Base-Ball World Fairly Awake—No Clashing Leagues Detract Attention from Business—A. G. Spalding's Retirement—The American Association's New President.

Never in the history of the national game has a more auspicious start been made. On opening days immense crowds greeted the contesting clubs, and the athletes of the diamond rewarded the enthusiastic spectators by putting up games that elicited hearty applause and gave excellent sport. The race for the pennant is on, and in the different associations the very best talent is straining every nerve. This year no discordant jangle distracts attention from the sport. The Brotherhood is a thing of the past, and, with few exceptions, the strongest players are now at work with their old-time associates.

A. G. Spalding is no longer the President of the Chicago Ball Club. At a recent meeting of the stockholders he handed in his resignation. The resignation was accepted, and Mr. Spalding sent a letter to N. E. Young at Washington notifying him of the fact. Mr. Spalding's retirement from baseball is no surprise. It was understood everywhere that he would take his action, and the proceedings were a formal confirmation of the statement that he was about to retire from a field where he has been a conspicuous figure so long. On the retirement of Mr. Spalding, James A. Hart was chosen President of the club and Fred Andrus Secretary. Andrus is the very ideal of a secretary besides being an athlete, and Mr. Hart is largely equipped with good sense, shrewdness, and business capacity for his new office. While, perhaps, not filling Mr. Spalding's place, he will come as near it as any base-ball man in America could.

Much new timber has been secured by the different managers. In the tanks of the National and American Associations will be found the names of many who last year had not attained such eminence. Most of the old stagers, like Anson, Flint, Deacon White, and others, are at their places. Salaries this year are not soaring so high, but the club owners will only have to behave themselves to escape the fines, in order to pull out of the season with as much money as ever.

An excellent picture of Louis Kramer, the new President of the American Association, is herewith given. He is a base-ball admirer and patron, and was Vice President of the old Cincinnati Club, and a director of the same in 1882.



LOUIS KRAMER.  
'84, '87, '88, and '90. His salary as President will be \$3,000, and he will be allowed to charge for a stenographer and traveling expenses. His secretary, should he need one, will have to be paid by himself.

He will do little traveling, however, as he accepted the office on condition that its duties should not take him away from his business in Cincinnati.

### A Doomed Duet.

Singers who "murder" music are usually considered more guilty than the music itself. The provoked Cincinnati judge was not blaming the music, however, when he turned the metaphor the other way. His daughter and a young gentleman caller frequently indulge in tuneful vocal practice over the piano, and when they get together in the parlor the judge gets in as remote a part of the house as possible in order to avoid what he terms the uproar. One evening last week they had been even more devoted than usual to their music, and on the following morning the judge inquired of his daughter:

"What on earth was all that racket you and your caller were making in the parlor last evening?"

"Why, papa, Sam and I were trying a new duet."

"Trying a new duet, were you? Well, from what I heard, I should judge that you found it guilty, and inflicted the heaviest penalty on it."—New York Times.

### A Bible with 168 Pins in It.

It was a Bible, a family Bible, a well-worn family Bible—the Bible of an old lady who read it, and walked by it, and fed on it, and prayed over it for a long life-time. As she grew older, her sight began to fail, and she found it hard to find her favorite verses. So what she did! She stuck a pin in them, one by one, and after her death they counted 168.

When people want to see her she would open her Bible, and, feeling over the page after her pin, would say: "Read there," or "Read here," and she knew pretty well what verse was struck by that pin. She could, indeed, say of her precious Bible: "I love thy commandments above gold, yea, above fine gold; they are sweeter to me than honey and the honeycomb."

DICE similar to those of our day have been found in Thebes. The Greeks gave the names of their gods and heroes to the different throws. The invention of dice is very ancient, and is variously ascribed to the Greeks and Egyptians, and by Herodotus to the Lydians.

DIAMONDS were found in Brazil in 1728. The diamond was first proved to be combustible in 1694 by the Florentine academicians, who found that when exposed to the heat of the sun in the focus of a large lens it burnt away with a blue lambent flame.

## BAREFOOT CRUSHES SNAKES.

How the Natives of Australia Grind the Head of a Serpent.

In Australia there are several kinds of poisonous snakes, and a resident in that country told me that he once saw a snake dart out from a pile of timber which was being moved, writes a correspondent. As it passed it slightly grazed the cheek of one of the men at work, who hardly knew that he had been touched, but soon after he felt a sharp pain in the cheek, and in a few hours he was dead.

The black natives have a singularly bold way of killing snakes, of which an English traveler was an eye-witness on several occasions. One morning a large snake was seen gliding along near the encampment, when one of the black fellows ran after it, and, jumping on its head with his bare heel, he spun around like a ballet dancer until



HOW AN AUSTRALIAN KILLS A SNAKE.

he ground the head of the creature quite flat, and it lay motionless. He then battered it to pieces with his club.

This method of killing a snake must require great boldness and address, but it is perfectly effectual for wounding a snake in the body does not kill it immediately, and it can still spring at you, but if its head is crushed it is at once disabled.

### QUEEN OF WASHERWOMEN.

Rich and Powerful Corporation with an Annual Revenue of \$1,000,000.



HE washerwomen of Paris form a rich and powerful corporation, and once a year they enjoy a splendid frolic. Long before the day of Mi-Carême dawns, they have held their elections, arranged their order of procession, and decided where they will hold their evening revel. In each quarter of Paris there is a "lavoir," or public wash-house, and along the River Seine there are also many others. In these thirty or forty establishments there are always many robust types of feminine beauty, and a woman who wishes to become the talk of the town can do it most effectually by getting the nomination of "Queen of the Washerwomen" for the season.

The pageant generally represents a strange mixture of pagan mythology and medieval splendor. There are 83,000 women in the corporation of washerwomen. So it is no light honor to be chosen their queen, and to have absolute power over them, if only for one day.

Mlle. Sicard, this year's queen, is a splendid brunette, 26 years old, with a profile worthy an antique statue of Venus and a bust of almost as heroic size as that of the great statue of the Republic, near which she was crowned queen the other day. She was the unanimous choice of the women in all the Paris lavoirs. In the procession she rode in a great coach garnished from top to bottom with camellias and draped with red velvet stown with golden stars. The coach was drawn by four magnificent white horses.

Crowned with a golden diadem, dressed in a cream-colored satin gown with golden embroideries, the beautiful blanchisseuse perhaps fancied, as she rode enthroned on her coach past the hundreds of thousands of laughing Parisians, that she was indeed a queen. But that did not hinder her from taking her usual place next morning in the wash-house and attending to her business as usual.

### Rules for Long-Lasting.

Advice from the Boston Journal of Commerce: Take an hour of exercise to every pound of food. We are not nourished by what we eat, but by what we digest. Every hour you steal from digestion will be reclaimed by indigestion. Beware of the wrath of a patient stomach! He who controls his appetite in regard to the quality of his food may safely indulge it in regard to quantity. The offender you eat the offender you will repent it. Dyspepsia is a poor pedestrian; walk at the rate of four miles an hour and you will soon leave her behind. Abstinence from all stimulants is easier than temperance. An egg is worth a pound of meat; a milk cow, seven a full fed oxen. Sleep is sweeter after a fast-day than after a feast day.

GREENPARK (near Buckingham Palace, London) forms a part of the ground inclosed by Henry VIII. in 1530, and is united to St. James' and Hyde parks by the road named Constitution hill. Over the arch at the entrance the Wellington statue was placed in 1816.

A NEWS-ITEM says: "E. F. Stearns, of Lynchburg, Va., has in his possession a curiously carved violin said to have once been the property of Thomas Jefferson." If it did belong to Thomas it is a fiddle. Jeffersonian simplicity never recognized a violin.

## Why She Wrote It.

Some of the most stimulating hymns have been "songs of the night." The whispered slanders of gossips begot the hymn, "I love to steal awhile away," which has been the comfort of thousands of tried men and women.

Phoebe Brown, its author, a wife and mother living in poverty, used to stroll away at dusk to a neighboring grove, where she could meditate and pray.

"The village gossips put their own coarse construction upon these evening walks. One of them, whose house adjoined the grove, said to her, with a tone and manner more irritating than the words:

"Mrs. Brown, why do you come up at evening so near to our house, and then go back without coming in?"

That evening Mrs. Brown, grieved in spirit, sat in the kitchen, rocking her babe and weeping. Then she laid the infant in its cradle, and gave expression to her feelings in nine stanzas of verse, which she entitled, "My Apology for My Twilight Rambles, Addressed to a Lady."

Several years afterward she prepared it as a hymn, suppressing four stanzas and altering a few expressions.—Youth's Companion.

### Don't Throw Up the Sponge!

That hideous ogre, Giant Despair, often fastens his clutch upon the chronic invalid. Constantly plagued by dyspepsia, biliousness, and constipation—nervous and sleepless, too—what wonder is it that, having tried in vain a multitude of useless remedies, he is ready, figuratively speaking, to "throw up the sponge." Let the unfortunate "take heart of grace." Hostetter's Stomach Bitters can and will put a terminus to his trials. It strengthens the stomach, confers nervous vigor by promoting assimilation of the food, arouses the liver when dormant, and relaxes the bowels without pain. The ability to digest and assimilate restored, the ability to sleep follows. Nothing then can stay the renewal of health but imprudence. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, moreover, transcends all others as a remedy for malarial, rheumatic, and kidney complaints. A wine-glassful three times a day.

### His Order.

A dealer in dental supplies, doing business in one of the large cities, recently received an order from a country customer, of which the following is a literal copy:

DEAR SIR: Please send by mail 9 upper gummed teeth the shade and size of the sample I send you the right side eye tooth or cuspid is in his mouth also his 2 hind teeth in his mouth that is the 2 last on each side in his head and his eye tooth right side I would like you to send me the block with just 2 on to fit to the eye tooth Send them in four blocks. Please you understand. I have 5 in his mouth 2 each side behind the eye tooth fill the rest and oblige me.

Scurvy and "corbute Affections, Pimples and Blisters on the skin, Bad Legs; Ulcers, Wounds, &c., &c.

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THE chief religions of the world may be classified to the number of adherents as follows: Christianity, 450,000,000; Buddhism, 300,000,000; Hinduism, 100,000,000; Mohammedanism, 115,000,000; Feichism, 15,000,000; Buddhism, 100,000,000; spirit worship, 50,000,000; shintoism (the ancient religion of Japan), 22,000,000; Jews, 8,000,000; Parsees, 1,000,000. Total, 1,449,000,000.

THE old fashioned gig was given that name from its peculiar jumping and rocking motion. The word being taken from the French gigue, signifying a jig or a lively dance.

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Sitter—"Told me all my past life and my future. Knows everything. Perfectly wonderful. I never believed in fortune-telling until now."

A MAN who has practiced medicine for forty years ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says:

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"PENNY wise and pound foolish" are those who think it economy to use cheap soda and resin soaps. Instead of the good old "Dobbin's" Electric Soap, for sale in all grocers. Try it. Be sure, buy genuine.

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